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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. CAN SOLIDARITY EXIST WITHOUT CONSULTATIONS?

AT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL ON OCTOBER 26, FRANCE SHARPLY OBJECTED TO THE US FAILURE TO CONSULT WITH THE NATO ALLIES ON DETAILS OF US-USSR CONTACTS ON THE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM WHILE REQUESTING ALLIED SOLIDARITY TOWARD THE CONFLICT. THE ITALIANS AND BELGIANS JOINED THE FRENCH IN CRITICIZING THE LACK OF CONSULTATIONS, AND THERE WAS GENERAL CONCERN THAT US WORLD RESPONSIBILITIES AND THE NEED FOR SECRECY WILL CONTINUE TO LIMIT US WILLINGNESS TO CONSULT. (SECRET) USNATO 5179, 10/26 (EXDIS).

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2. MEXICAN VIEWS OF FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING

MEXICAN FOREIGN MINISTER RABASA TOLD AMBASSADOR MCBRIDE
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THAT THE BOGOTA LATIN AMERICAN FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING WILL PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY TO AIR FRUSTRATIONS AND ANTI-US SENTIMENT AND TO WORK OUT COMMON POSITIONS

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ON SUBJECTS SUCH AS THE PANAMA CANAL, TRADE, AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE. THE AMBASSADOR COMMENTS THAT AT BOTH THE BOGOTA MEETING AND AT THE PROPOSED SUBSEQUENT MEETING WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER, RABASA WILL URGE CONSTRUCTIVE NEW HEMISPHERIC INITIATIVES. (CONFIDENTIAL) MEXICO 8068, 10/26.

3. JAPANESE CONCERN OVER OIL INCREASING

WITH JAPAN'S DISCOVERY THAT IT IS NOT ONE OF THE NATIONS CONSIDERED "FRIENDLY" BY THE ARABS, JAPANESE REACTION TO THE CURRENT MIDDLE EAST OIL CRISIS HAS CHANGED FROM ONE OF RELATIVE CALM TO INCREASING CONCERN. THE INTERNATIONAL OIL MAJORS HAVE WARNED JAPAN OF IMPENDING OIL SUPPLY CUT-BACKS AND OF PRICE HIKES OF 30 PERCENT OR MORE. JAPAN, IN TURN, HAS ASKED THE MAJORS TO EXPEDITE NEGOTIATIONS TO STOP THE PRICE SPIRAL AND NOT TO DISCRIMINATE AGAINST JAPAN IN ALLOCATING SHORT SUPPLIES. (CONFIDENTIAL) TOKYO 13946, 10/26. KISSINGER

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